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SHOOTING FOR THE STARS

BY DAVID JACK

UP to a dozen young Australians have been given a launching pad to take them to international stardom.

That launching pad is the "World Soccer Series" which kicked off last weekend when Manchester United played Australia "A" and Glasgow Rangers met Australia "B".

In a memorable couple of days, the young players in the B team took most of the honours.

Goalkeeper Anthony Franken was magnificent. The sometimes inconsistent Sydney Olympic pair, Jim Patikas and Peter Katholos, worried the life out of Rangers, and Steve Blair looked ready to take over a spot in the A side.

Those four players have had little international experience since their Youth days, but this seven-team world series has given them a marvellous opportunity to climb to the stars.

More important, their success against the mighty Rangers may persuade national coach Frank Arok to take a gamble on other members of the Young Talent Time brigade.

Australia is not short of good kids.

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Mitchell is set to play

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

STRIKER David Mitchell is set to come into the Australian "A" team to play against Nottingham Forest tomorrow night at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, at the expense of centre-back Steve O'Connor.

Australian coach Frank Arok said: "I want to test Mitch out up-front to put extra pressure on Forest."

Arok will juggle the team around a little, possibly pulling back central midfielder Jimmy Cant to "screen" central defenders, David Ratcliffe and Charlie Yankos.

Joe Watson missed Australia's training yesterday as he had a touch of flu, and Cant was also out with a pulled leg muscle.

Goalkeeper Terry Greedy, who missed the Manchester United match at the SCG with a leg injury, looks certain to come back into the side.

Poison was drained from his leg on Saturday

night and he was put on a course of antibiotics by team doctor Brian Corrigan.

Greedy resumed training yesterday afternoon and looked sharp between the sticks as Australia's assistant coach, former World Cup striker Attila Abonyi, tested him out with some hot shots.

Meanwhile, South Melbourne midfielder Oscar Crino pulled out of the Australia "B" squad as he is having problems getting time off work.

Crino will rejoin the team when it is back in Melbourne for the match with crack Greek team Iraklis Sunday June 17 at the MCG.



Action from Australia A v Manchester United, as Jimmy Cant gets away from United's Arthur Graham. More photos, stories Page 2, 3.

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HITS
OUT

BY GREG RUSSELL

FORMER national coach Les Scheinfug believes the Socceroos are not fully motivated for the World Soccer Series.

At an impromptu press conference in Brisbane after Marconi's NSL Cup match against Brisbane City, Scheinfug said it was a mistake for the national team to play club sides.

"How can our players be expected to perform at their best against a depleted Manchester United side?" Scheinfug asked.

"Any match for the national team is a good match, but only full internationals bring out the best in our players."

Scheinfug said it was easy for a player to hide his weaknesses in the present series, as they were not being pressured as they would be in a game against a full national team.

He did say that it had been a mistake not to attack Manchester United when they were there for the taking.

"Australia will never win a game when it plays with only one striker," Scheinfug said, adding that he believed Marshall Soper had drifted too deep.

Scheinfug said he hoped some of the younger players would be tried during the present series and named Frank Farina as the type of player who could have swung the game for Australia against Manchester United.

Scheinfug was also disappointed with the inability of Australia "B" to score against Rangers and said the squad was "full of players who will never make it."

"The B squad should have been an Under 21 side," he said.

EDITORIAL

EVERYBODY had a good laugh at Australian Soccer last week.

The events surrounding the battle between the Australian Soccer Federation and the National Soccer League brought the greatest game in the world into disrepute.

People involved in other codes, in particular Australian Rules and Rugby League, gave a knowing wink and a comment like: "Soccer's done it again — what sort of mugs run your game?"

It is very difficult to find an answer to such taunts.

It is not as if this is an isolated case. Time after time, Soccer is ridiculed. The code has an unhappy knack of doing the wrong thing at the wrong time.

It is little wonder the game has been struggling to make a serious impact for 100 years.

Imagine how the national team players felt during all the blow-up last week.

They were warned they faced fines or suspensions if they entered training camp and, at the same time, they risked similar punishment if they did not train!

"This is a no-win situation for me," said one player, adding, "I honestly don't know what to do."

Soccer again came under scrutiny from the other codes when Manchester United brought a skeleton team to play Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Even though United manager Ron Atkinson said at the airport that his under-strength side was "good enough to beat your lot," that was not the point.

Sydney spectators paid plenty of money to see Manchester United, one of the world's greatest teams, in action at the SCG.

Instead, they saw a team which should have been billed as Manchester United reserves.

What made it even tougher to take was the fact that Hong Kong Soccer spectators saw the REAL Manchester United only two days earlier.

Gary Bailey, Arthur Albiston, Mike Duxbury, Ray Wilkins and Bryan Robson ALL played against Bulova in Hong Kong.

That was great for Soccer in the Crown Colony. But poor old Australia was again taken for a ride.

In Europe, meanwhile, even FIFA appeared to be keen to make monkeys out of Australia when they discussed the World Cup elimination fixtures.

FIFA threw out the planned four-nation round robin to be played here and decided the Socceroos would, instead, have to play home and away matches against Israel.

This undoubtedly made Australia's chances of getting to Mexico in 1986 far more difficult.

And the decision that the winner of the Oceania Group would have to meet a team like Spain, Scotland or Wales in a final elimination may have killed all hope for the Socceroos.

Oh, and as added bonus, FIFA decided Oceania should not have a place on the executive.

It has been quite a week for Australian Soccer.

Perhaps, we are destined to be the whipping boys of Australian sport.

And without wishing to open old wounds, some of the publicity Soccer was given from the ridiculous affair of Canberra Arrows and ASW's Bernie Harris did nothing to improve the image of the game.

Perhaps we must wait another 100 years before Soccer is taken seriously by Australians.

DRAW PLEAS

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

MANY people were quick to criticise Australia in their first outing in the World Soccer Series.

Although the Socceroos drew 0-0 against a depleted Manchester United, they showed signs of stability, flair and attacking initiative.

National coach Frank Arok has pieced together the basis of Australia's next World Cup conquest and has achieved some admirable results.

TOP: David Ratcliffe keeps a close watch on Welsh international striker Mark Hughes.

CENTRE: Tony Pezzano claims a high ball in one of the rare moments he was called into action.

BOTTOM: Manchester United's Paul McGrath slides in for the ball ahead of Graham Jennings.

chester United game, but realised his team could have scored.

"If someone told me just before the kick-off that we would draw, I would have been happy with the result.

"The 0-0 result is pleasing but then again we could have scored a couple.

"But don't take me wrongly: I was very impressed with the two strikers (John Kosmina and Marshall Soper).

"They're the best in the country," he added.

In fact, it was Kosmina who had the best chance



BY JOE WATSON

WE'LL SHOCK A FEW TEAMS

WITH a scoreless draw, it is par for the course that people are going to say it's a dull game.

Yet our game against Manchester United could not be regarded as dull as the England game at the SCG last year.

We played well enough to win, and with a bit of luck we could have stuck a few goals away.

In the first 20 minutes we were really looking good. We were knocking the ball around and stringing five, six, seven passes together.

Tired legs in the last 15 minutes of the game led to a few mistakes.

I thought in midfield Jimmy Cant and Kenny Murphy did a helluva lot of work ... and that quite often goes unnoticed.

Alan Davidson and Steve O'Connor also played fairly well, and goalkeeper Tony Pezzano did alright for his first international game.

We're now in Adelaide preparing for tomorrow night's game against Nottingham Forest.

After the Manchester United result, I'm sure we'll continue to go well.

We'll give a few of these teams a shock.

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BUT UNITED DISAPPOINT

to break the deadlock after only five minutes.

Midfielder Joe Watson, one Australia's more creative players, darted through on the right side and his pin-point cross was headed just over the bar by Kosmina.

In the 26th minute he received the ball from a corner but drove wide, and nine minutes before the break he headed a Ken Murphy free-kick just wide of the United goal.

Manchester United's

best chance to score was created by guest player Tommy Hutchinson.

Confident

In the 30th minute, his free-kick from the right found unmarked teammate Kevin Moran, but he headed straight to Australian goalkeeper Tony Pezzano.

Pezzano, included in the side at the expense of injured first choice goalie Terry Greedy, looked con-

fident, but was rarely tested by the highly-rated Manchester United front-line of Hutchinson, Frank Worthington, Arthur Graham and Mark Hughes.

Full credit must be given to the Australian defence. Centre-backs Steve O'Connor and David Ratcliffe and sweeper Charlie Yankos matched their more illustrious counterparts in all facets of play.

Right-back Alan David-



son created numerous problems for United with his skilful raids. His trials with Arsenal and Bayern Munich during the off-season have developed his game even further.

Graham Jennings looked threatening on a few occasions on the left side, but his attacking ability was only utilised in spasms during the second half.

Contained

One of the major disappointments in the United team was Welsh international Alan Davies.

Renowned for his attacking ability, Davies was effectively contained in the midfield.

After the match, Manchester United coach Ron Atkinson seemed surprised with the Australian performance.

TOP: One of Australia's stars, Alan Davidson, gets away from Arthur Graham. **LEFT:** Wales' and Manchester United's 'Alan Davies.'



Frank Arok, Australia's national coach, at the post-match press conference

"They were very competitive," he said.

"They battled very hard and created more space during the latter part of the game."

Atkinson is certain to make changes for United's next game against Nottingham Forest this Sunday at Melbourne Cricket Ground.

"Our first choice goalkeeper Gary Bailey and Northern Ireland international Norman Whiteside will arrive in Australia this week, and I'm confi-

dent that Remi Moses and guest player Peter Barnes will have recovered from injuries."

AUSTRALIA: Pezzano, Yankos, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Davidson, Jennings, Watson (Raskopoulos 87), Cant, Murphy, Kosmina, Soper.

MANCHESTER UTD: Pears, McGrath, McQueen, Moran, Blackmore, Dempsey, Davies, Graham, Worthington, Hughes, Hutchinson.

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KOSMINA ANGRY WITH PRESS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

JOHN KOSMINA, Australia's captain, criticised the press coverage for the opening match in the World Soccer Series after his side had contained Manchester United to a scoreless draw.

"What do people really want?" Kosmina said angrily.

"We held United to a draw. Did the public want us to lose?

"All week long, the press kept hammering that too many stars are missing from the United side.

"So what? That's their problem, not ours.

"Why does the press take so much pleasure in constantly hammering that five United stars are not here? Is that promoting the game for the series?" Kosmina concluded.

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Waiting in the wings for their summons to centre-stage are young players like Tommy McCulloch, Ian Gray, Theo Selemidis, Joe Rizzotto, Frank Farina, Robbie Slater, David Mitchell and Oscar Crino.

It is not Arok's intention immediately to throw many of them into the world series. He is too concerned about Australia's welfare and his own coaching future.

But, with so many games due to be played in the next three weeks, it would be an interesting exercise to field an Under 23 line-up against one of the visiting teams.

It would not matter if the youngsters were beaten. But if they managed to win, what a fantastic boost for Australia's Soccer future.

Anthony Franken is the best example of a kid achieving instant fame after being thrown in at the deep end.

A year ago he was a surprise choice as Australia's goalkeeper against Mexico in the World Youth Championship, making his big-time debut in one of the largest stadiums in the world — the Azteca in Mexico City.

There were 110,000 people there that night, with 99 per cent screaming for the home team.

Franken was the star ... and as he proved at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, he's even better now.

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FRANKEN, PATIKAS STAR

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

CANBERRA ARROWS goalkeeper Anthony Franken and Sydney Olympic attacker Jim Patikas have been admitted to the Soccer hall of fame following their memorable performance in Melbourne last Sunday.

Franken and his former Youth team-mate Patikas staged brilliant performances for Australia "B" in their 0-0 draw against Glasgow Rangers at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

In fact, the whole Australian team performed superbly to match the equally impressive performance of their professional opponents.

Franken won the acclaim of his opponents with his brilliant saves from Iain Ferguson, Ally McCoist, John McDonald and Davie McPherson.

Difficulty

Patikas was described "a brilliant forward" by the Rangers, who had difficulty containing the aggressive midfielder every time he burst forward with the ball.

Unlike Manchester United, Rangers fulfilled the expectations of their loyal supporters.



ANTHONY FRANKEN

laining about the performance of the Australian goalkeeper. Socceroo coach Frank Arok praised the young goalkeeper for his brilliant exhibition.

He said: "Franken has come into consideration for the Australia A team."

Better

Australia B coach Eddie Thomson was more than happy with the performance of his side and predicted even better efforts

from the team.

"All the boys performed to the best of their ability against a fully professional opponent with an enviable record of success," Thomson said.

"I am certain as we go along our performances will improve quite substantially."

As to the MCG experiment, it is clear that it is not the ideal venue for Soccer matches.

It may be suitable for Aussie Rules grand finals, but it does not provide the atmosphere of a true Soccer ground because it keeps spectators too far away from the action.

AUSTRALIA B: Franken, Peter Lewis, M.O'Shea, Blair, Henderson, Miranda (Crino 64), Egan, Brown (Cole 73), Katholos, Patikas, J.O'Shea.

GLASGOW RANGERS: McCloy, McKinnon, Dawson, McAdam, Paterson, Redford (Munro 76), Russell (Williamson 34), McPherson, Ferguson, McCoist, McDonald.

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JIMMY PATIKAS

THE IRISHMAN WHO LEADS THE SCOTS

BY TOM ANDERSON

AN Irishman who used to play for a Welsh non-league club is now the captain of one of Europe's most famous clubs — Glasgow Rangers.

Northern Ireland World Cup captain John McClelland certainly had a chequered career before going to Ibrox.

McClelland, now in Australia with the Rangers, is one of the most consistent and highly regarded defenders in British football and a player in the true tradition of the famous Glasgow club.

In his early days he started playing with his local side Whiteabbey and when he reached 17 he was invited over to Scotland to trial with Hibernian.

Part-time

However Hibs manager at that time, Eddie Turnbull, did not offer McClelland signing-on terms and he went back home and signed as a part-time professional with Portadown.

The manager of Portadown then was former Rangers player Gibby McKenzie.

In 1974, Cardiff City, under the management of former Manchester United boss Frank O'Farrell, came on the scene and signed McClelland for a transfer fee of \$10,000.

But things didn't work out all that well in Wales for the big Irishman and, after 18 months with the club, he had only made four appearances in the first team.

Cardiff were relegated to Third Division, and they decided to cut their staff. McClelland was on his way with a free transfer.

With no League clubs interest in his services, he then signed for North Wales club Bangor City, in the Northern Premier League.

McClelland found it hard to adjust back to part-time football once again, and went through jobs as if they were going out of fashion.

However he played inspired football and helped Bangor to the final of the Welsh Cup in 1978.

Inspired

They had to play English Second Division club Wrexham in the two-leg final, and unluckily lost by the odd goal in both matches.

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aging Mansfield Town, took an interest in McClelland.

In fact Mansfield even paid a \$16,000 transfer fee to the non-league club for him.

Three months later, Bingham selected McClelland in the Northern Ireland international team and in his first appearance for his country Northern Ireland downed Scotland 1-0 at Windsor Park, Belfast.

A year later, Northern Ireland played Scotland again, at Hampden, and then Rangers manager John Greig told him that the famous club were interested in signing him.

Hunt

Although McClelland still had a year to run with Mansfield, he was desperate to join the 'Gers.

In the meantime, English giants Spurs, Nottin-

gham Forest and Wolves had also come into the hunt, but, for a fee estimated at around \$200,000, McClelland joined Rangers.

McClelland is now well established in Scotland and has the highly prestigious position as captain of the 'Gers.

On the international front, his all-time high came when he went to Spain and the 1982 World Cup Finals as captain of Northern Ireland.

Ireland did marvellously well in their five games in Spain and no player performed better than John McClelland.

No doubt McClelland will thrill the Australian sports fans with his no-nonsense style of play, and Socceroo captain John Kosmina in particular will be in for a torrid afternoon when he faces this class player at the SCG on Saturday.



During these games, current Northern Ireland team manager Billy Bingham, who was then man-

YANKOS HAS REACHED HIS GOAL

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

"IF a player in the National Soccer League doesn't have the ambition to play for Australia then he shouldn't be playing at all."

These are the words of Australian 'A' team member Charlie Yankos, the Heidelberg defender who turns 23 today.

Last year in the series against England, Yankos excelled in the sweeper position and combined with St George's David Ratcliffe to form a formidable central defence combination.

Yankos, who has played eight full internationals for Australia, is proud to wear the Green and Gold. "I believe the only way to be successful is to get out and reach your goals," he said.

"For a two-year period before my selection in the Australian team I set myself a vigorous training schedule. "Physically and mentally it takes a lot out of you but it's even harder when you get there," he added.

Lost

Yankos was almost lost to Australian Soccer at the beginning of the season.

Before he left with the



ALAN DAVIDSON (TOP)

Australian team to defend the Merlion Cup last year, Yankos' former coach at Heidelberg, Ken Morton, had organised a trial for him with Manchester United — the team he played against last Saturday.

That opportunity fell through but it didn't deter Yankos.

After the successful defence of the Merlion Cup, he left for England to trial

with Brighton. "When England toured Australia last year Alan Davidson and I met English manager Ron Greenwood.

"He was made an honorary director of the Brighton club late last year and contacted Victorian director of coaching Tim White asking for Alan and I to trial with Brighton," Yankos said.

At the time of Greenwood's approach, Davidson was in the spotlight tralling with crack German side Bayern Munich and was later offered a contract.

However, he declined Bayern's offer in the hope of securing a contract with English club Arsenal.

Returned

Davidson, one of Australia's top young defenders, looked set to join Arsenal but couldn't obtain a work permit, and he returned to Australia.

Yankos suffered the same fate.

"Brighton were pretty happy with me and were

finalising a transfer fee with Heidelberg. But when Davo couldn't obtain a work permit, the same problem would have confronted me.

"I could've stayed and applied for a permit but there was no guarantee of me getting one.

"It would have been pointless for me to stay on for a couple of months not knowing what would eventuate. It was frustrating not being able to play," Yankos added.

Yankos, a club director with Nautlius Sports and Medical Industries, learnt a great deal during his brief stint at Brighton.

"At Brighton, it was the senior players like Steve Foster, Jimmy Case, Tony Greathouse, Joe Corrigan and other experienced players that advise, encourage and help you with your game.

"Managers and coaches oversee everything and make sure that everything is prepared and set up.

"Players learn to grow up. Apprentices aren't taught. They watch and learn," Yankos said.



Many people wonder why Yankos, of Greek extraction, never trialled with a Greek club.

Yet as he puts it: "If you play in England, you can play anywhere in the world."

And he added: "I hope we can teach these overseas teams a thing or two."

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HUMMEL AIMS TO BE NUMBER ONE

BY BRAD EARL

THE rise and fall of Greg Woodhouse sticks firmly in the mind of Canberra Arrows goalkeeper Chris Hummel.

Woodhouse was a teenage marvel, being selected in the Australian World Cup team in 1981.

Then the rot set in. Woodhouse was dropped from the national squad, followed by his relegation from the first team at Leichhardt, culminating in his sitting out the first few months of this year.

He has now resumed his career at Sydney Croatia. However, he has no immediate chance of playing in the National League, as Steve Watson is first-choice keeper at Croatia.

Burst

Chris Hummel's career already mirrors that of Woodhouse.

He burst onto the Soccer scene in 1982-83 as the keeper for the Australian Youth team in its qualifying matches for the World Youth Championship finals.

Hummel left Australia in May last year as Number One, yet by the time the Socceroo team took the field for its first game in the series, against Mexico, he had been dropped.

Anthony Franken took over and had a fine series.

On his return, Hummel resumed club football with Canberra Arrows, and made six NSL appearances.

Then Franken was signed by Canberra in the summer, and new coach Doug Collins gave him the nod at the start of the season.

Hummel has bided his time in the Arrows youth team, but Franken's call-up for national duty gave him the chance to return to the first team last Tuesday night in the NSL Cup.

"I really enjoyed that game," Hummel said after the Arrows had drawn 1-1 with Penrith.

However, he knows that when the international series is over, Franken will be back to reclaim his spot.



Chris Hummel, who turned 19 earlier this month, has been patient, yet he misses National League football.

If he cannot gain a regular NSL place with Canberra, he says he must consider moving from his home town.

And the Woodhouse analogy is making him even more determined to play well while he has his chance in the first team.

CHIT HAT



DAVID MITCHELL, the Socceroo striker now with Glasgow Rangers, is taking time to adjust as a guest at Adelaide City.

"I'm used to the Rangers hit and run, and it was strange playing to Edmund Kreft's style against Footscray," said Mitchell after his first guest game.

"Eddie likes the ball worked from the back, and I will have to get used to that for the other guest matches."

After the Socceroos' series, Mitchell will guest again for City until he returns to Scotland on July 14.

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LARRY GAFFNEY

WOLLONGONG CITY midfielder Larry Gaffney has 11 more games to play to bring up his 200 outings in the National League.

A key player in Wollongong's battle to get off the bottom of the table this season, Gaffney played most of his League games with Brisbane City.

He went to Brisbane when the League started in 1977 after having success with Illawarra club Unanderra under Casey De Bruin.

It is always a big reunion for Gaffney when he goes to Brisbane City to play, but he has no regrets about returning to Wollongong.

"I have always regarded Wollongong as home but it has been hard work this season," he said.

"We can only hope the younger blokes in our side mature enough this season to help Wollongong gain some success in the near future."

YOUNG Sydney City striker Grant Lee doubled as a ball-boy during the early NSL Cup game against Blacktown City at St George Stadium last week.

Lee, who can be very damaging up-front for the Slickers, had to jump over the fence on the far side of the field to retrieve the ball in the first half.

At that stage of the game there were about 100 people in the entire stadium, with not one spectator on the far side.

At the same time, 2,000 people were filing through the turnstiles for the double-header at Melita Stadium.

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ALEX BUNDALO certainly slept well after playing for Wollongong City against Blacktown City at the Gabbie Stadium.

Bundalo turned out with his club after playing eight games in the previous week as a member of the NSW Youth squad.

The talented 17-year-old is having his first season in the NSL and is making a big impression on opposing coaches.

Adrian Alston wanted to rest Bundalo after his hectic week but he hasn't got an overabundance of NSL players in his Wolves squad.

"I would have liked to have given Alex the day off but we are a bit short-handed and he was keen to play," Alston said.

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BRISBANE's National League scouts were climbing over each other to get to Noosa last week ... and it wasn't for a holiday at the pleasant tourist resort.

The big attraction was the local side's star striker, Steve Walsh, who netted 17 times in his team's 21-0 win over Nambour Reds.

Walsh is in his second season in the Sunshine Coast competition after coming to Australia when a knee injury ended his hopes of playing with Southampton.

He seems to have overcome the injury, but he is in no hurry to pack his bags and head to the big smoke for the NSL.

"I am happy living on the Coast and would want good money to move to Brisbane," he said.



David Hale slides in front of Sydney Croatia's Marijan Kovacic

D R A G A N LAEMONOVIC had a sudden launch into Australian Soccer.

The Yugoslav, signed by Footscray the week before the game against Adelaide City, was picked up at the airport on the day of the Adelaide match and whisked straight through to Adelaide.

It had been planned to sit him on the bench and let him become acclimated, but within 20 minutes he was on the park for the injured Brian O'Donnell.

The latest one came as he read out the Marconi team prior to the game against Brisbane Lions.

Momentarily side-tracked as he got to the substitutes, Joe announced: "And, of course, Berti Mariani."

A tremendous club servant, Mariani has only been in the Marconi first XI four times in the first 12 NSL games.

However, his versatility and ability to play in defence, midfield or attack gives Marconi plenty of depth.

He has stood out at sweeper this season.

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THE 14 players who formed the Queensland squad which took on New South Wales at Perry Park a month ago are none too happy about the match payment they received.

As one player said: "If we had been told there was no money available we all would have played for nothing. But the Federation obviously made a huge profit on the day and it was an insult to the players to be treated so miserly."

PENRITH CITY NSL squad member David Hale had a good series for New South Wales in the recent U19 Championships.

Hale is a versatile player, and has usually come on as a left midfielder for Penrith, scoring three goals in his NSL appearances.

Yet he can just as eas-

ily play as full-back.

"He is a good player coming forward," Penrith coach Willie Wallace said. "He has reasonably good ball skills, and reads a game quite well.

"Once he gets some confidence in playing in the National League, he should be a good utility player."



ADELAIDE CITY veteran full-back and captain Bugey Nyakohus is playing better than ever. And you better believe it, because his wife says so. Quoted in the club's programme, Stephanie Nyakohus said: "He is much more keen to play now than when I first met him. Soccer is his life and I hope the day will never come when he has to hang up his boots."

When he does, it will be a sad day for City. Nyakohus is pictured (left) against South Melbourne's Charlie Egan.

ST GEORGE coach Frank Arok has made it clear how much he has missed right full-back David Skeen since Skeen fell from his motor bike and broke an arm.

Watching the Wollongong City-St George game in Wollongong, Arok must have wondered if the Illawarra area has produced another Skeen.

He appeared before Arok in the shape of young David Green, formerly with district club West-Figtree.

Although younger than Skeen, Green has a lot of style, tackling ability and more to the point loves to overlap up the right wing.

Wollongong coach Adrian Alston gambled when he switched Green from winger to full-back this season, but it has certainly paid off.

Alston says there is no saying how good Green can become if he continues to improve at his present rate.

ADELAIDE CITY's plans for a match against Juventus have been knocked on the head.

The Italians are due to fly out of Australia the day after they play the Socceroos in Adelaide — Tuesday, June 12.

City had hopes of a bumper gate which would have helped wipe out some of their debts.

However, some funds will be generated by a \$30-a-head dinner with the Italian players after the Football Park match.



THEODORAKOPOULOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC coach Manfred Schaefer has been very impressed with the recent form of Nick Theodorakopoulos.

Theodorakopoulos, who was signed from NSW State League club Canterbury-Marrickville during the off-season, has scored three goals in five NSL games.

"Nick has been improving with every game this year," said Schaefer.

"Last season he played in the central striking position, but for Olympic he plays a controlled role in midfield.

"He always gets himself into at least one goalscoring position in every game," Schaefer added.

Theodorakopoulos has done well marking Gary Byrne (Blacktown) and Ray Farrugia (Melita) in recent games.

JOHNSTON'S FUTURE IN DOUBT

BY NEIL JAMESON

WILL Craig Johnston's appearance in the European Cup Final in Rome this week be the Australian's last match for Liverpool?

Johnston goes into the match against AC Roma on Thursday morning (Australian time) still having not renewed his contract with the Merseyside club.

In keeping with English FA rules, clubs are obliged to offer their players final contracts before the third Saturday in May. Johnston has been offered his and, despite repeated overtures by the Anfield office, he still hasn't agreed to terms.

After having been dropped early in the season, and later to make way for new signing John Wark, Johnston is wary about his chances of playing first team football at Liverpool.

good public face despite his concern about his career, but privately he was finding the strain of expecting to be dropped, no matter how well he played, almost intolerable.

It seems certain that had Wark not been captured he, not Johnston, would have been playing in Rome on Wednesday. And that would have been a great pity because in Liverpool's two finest European Cup performances of the season — in Lisbon and Zagreb — Johnston was outstanding.

The Rome match presents Johnston with the opportunity to impress the football managers of



On both occasions he was relegated to the substitute's bench or reserves, Johnston had been in outstanding form, so much so that two managers of European Cup aspirants rated him the best mid-fielder in Britain.

After Liverpool suffered its heaviest loss of the season, 0-4 to Coventry, manager Joe Fagan was quoted in the national press as saying that it had been a mistake to drop the Aussie mid-fielder.

Johnston was reinstated, this time in his favoured offensive mid-field role. While Liverpool agonised over an injury that sidelined Kenny Dalglish for six weeks, Johnston was one of the form players in protecting the club's championship lead from Manchester United's challenge.

There is no doubt that the impression within the English Soccer press, among Liverpool fans and many observers outside the city is that Johnston has been harshly done by.

But as he observed last week: "None of those people pick the side."

Liverpool may have forced his hand by their recent signing of Luton's brilliant young striker Paul Walsh, a player certain to make the battle at Anfield even hotter.

In the last three months Johnston has put on a

Europe. The Aussie already holds three English champion and two League (Milk) Cup medals and he will probably never get a better chance to win European club football's most valuable prize.

As it is, there is no shortage of clubs seeking his services. His name was linked with Manchester United shortly before that club secured Gordon Strachan.

Chelsea boss John Neal, who managed Johnston at Middlesbrough, is very keen to add the Aussie to the promotion-winning side, as are Newcastle United and Sunderland.

But Johnston is looking to Europe where two West German clubs, Fiorentina of Italy and Portugal's Benfica and Sporting Lisbon have all shown firm interest.

Liverpool were most anxious to discuss the matter last week but Johnston did not want any distractions during the build-up to what the British and Italian media are billing as the "match of the season."

With almost a fortnight between Liverpool's last competition match and the Cup Final, the club took the squad to Israel to acclimatise in readiness for Rome's warmer weather, beating Israel's national side 4-0.

BACK ROW: Vic Dalglish (coach), Ray Vlietstra, Kevin Lee, Rod Brown, Dean Dehaas, Paul Daley, Frank Broughton (manager). MIDDLE ROW: Paul Morgan, Graeme Fletcher, Darren McInerney (captain), Phil McNeice (vice-captain), Kevin O'Donnell, Wayne Bates. FRONT ROW: Mike McLaughlin, Pat Sullivan, Tommy McCulloch, Danny Zanolla.

THE team pictured above has a unique record in Australian junior Soccer.

They were the top State team at Australian Championships for four consecutive years — from Under 12 through to Under 15.

Under coach Vic Dalglish, this New South Wales team was regarded as containing several potential stars.

Now, five years after they won the U15 title, six State representatives are National League regulars.

Ray Vlietstra, Rod Brown, Paul Daley, Graeme Fletcher, Mike McLaughlin and Tommy McCulloch are the players who have "graduated" to the top level of club football.

Vlietstra, Brown, Daley and McCulloch were members of the Australian squad that played in last year's World Youth Championship finals in Mexico, with only Daley not being in the first-choice team.

This year, central defender Vlietstra is captain of Wollongong City, midfielder McCulloch and striker Brown are at Marconi, Daley is sweeper for Penrith City, McLaughlin lines up in Blacktown City's attack, and Fletcher is scoring goals with NSL front-runners Sydney City.

Only McCulloch is currently in the national squad, but if the other five continue their progress they are sure to come into consideration for full Australian selection in the future.

What of the rest?

Defenders Wayne Bates and Darren McInerney, who was cap-



TOMMY McCULLOCH

tain of the NSW U15 team, were regulars with State League club Auburn.

Unfortunately, Wayne Bates died in 1982 just as he was on the verge of

making a big impact on Australian Soccer.

McInerney also showed much promise with Auburn, but he gave Soccer away and took up Rugby League last year.

Three other players in the U15 team made first team appearances for Auburn — goalkeeper Dean Dehaas, Kevin Lee and Pat Sullivan.

Sullivan is now playing with Gladesville-Hornsby in Second Division.

Phil McNeice has played first grade with State League club Sutherland, while Danny Zanolla played for Gladesville Ravens.

The remaining two members of the squad are playing in the Illawarra Premier League following spells in the Wollongong City Youth squad.

Paul Morgan is a striker with the Russell Vale club, and Kevin O'Donnell, a striker in the U15s, now plays as goalkeeper for Shellharbour.

This team's achievements were even more impressive considering that juniors playing for club teams were selected in a separate State team fielded by the NSW Federation.

Today, boys from clubs and district rep teams all play under the banner of the NSW Amateurs — yet no team has managed to compare with the 1979 U15 Australian champions.



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SAD NIGHT FOR BURKE

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PETER BURKE, the central defender who had only played three games after joining Canberra from Newcastle, was carried off with a broken leg during the Arrows 1-1 draw with Penrith City at Melita Stadium.

Burke had added much-needed organisation to the Canberra defence in his short time with the club.

Coach Doug Collins said his side were well in control in the night game against Penrith until he was injured in the 17th minute.

A minute earlier, the Arrows had taken the lead with a side-footer by Marco Perinovic from a Hilton Phillips cross.

Penrith equalised 11 minutes after half-time when Roy Cotton lobbed the ball high over the defence and Peter Nix ran through to score.

Canberra were without keeper Anthony Franken and striker Frank Farina (national duty), Ian Gibson (unavailable) and Andrew Brockbank (suspended), and highly regarded 17-year-old striker Manis Lamond made his debut in the first team.

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PETER BURKE

playing his first game.

PENRITH: Gibson; Brogan, Hale, Campbell, McIntosh; Wotherspoon, Ainsworth, Nix, Hunter (Jackson 75); Easthorpe, Cotton, Cotton.

CANBERRA: Hummel; Ontong, Jones, Burke (Bryant 22), Redmond; Hogg, Mihailidis, Sermani; Phillips, Perinovic, Lamond.

REFEREE: T. Seacy. CROWD: 2,106.

LEICHHARDT DOMINATE IN MIDFIELD

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

THE Leichhardt midfield combination of Terry Butler, Peter Tredinnick and Robert De Ceglie laid the foundation for their team's 2-0 victory against a depleted St George in the first round of the NSL Cup.

It was De Ceglie who broke the deadlock in the 21st minute following a well-flighted low cross from Vic Bozanic.

Leichhardt were well in control after this goal and were unlucky not to add another two before the interval, only to be denied by the woodwork.

Leichhardt scored their second goal in the 56th minute. Arno Bertogna challenged Saints goalkeeper Warwick Young for the ball, which fell loose in the area, and Tony Morsello was on hand to slam it home from close range.

This didn't deter the Saints, and they created two goalscoring chances moments later.

In the 71st minute a curling free-kick from Andrew Kocska was brilliantly tipped around the post by Bobby Parkes. Seven minutes later the Leichhardt keeper saved a stinging seven metre drive by substitute Chris Polias.

In the dying stages Leichhardt had four opportunities to increase their lead but poor finishing in front of goal kept the score at 2-0.

ST GEORGE: Young, Papas, Danaskos, Barton, Koczka, Zantides, Rico, Stone, Batten, Petkovski, Marton (Polias 69).

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REFEREE: G. Power. CROWD: 400.

YOUTHFUL CITY TAME DEMONS

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

DESPITE being at full strength, Blacktown City were overwhelmed by a youthful Sydney City 3-0 in the first round of the NSL Cup at St George Stadium.

Although Sydney City were without regular first grade players Alex Robertson, Jimmy Cant, Tony Pezzano, Steve O'Connor, Joe Watson and John Kosmina (national team commitments) and Murray Barnes (injured), the young Slickers line-up performed admirably.

Led by striker Willie Murray and skilful midfielders Paul Kay and Jean-Paul De Marigny, Sydney City created problems for Blacktown straight from the outset.

During the last 20 minutes Sydney City asserted their superiority scoring all three goals.

In the 70th minute, substitute Alex Bottalico made no mistake from close in.

Five minutes later Murray broke through the defence and was brought down inside the penalty area by Hoare. Murray converted from the spot to make it 2-0.

With seconds remaining, Kay made a dashing run from halfway and his 15 metre drive was parried against the post by Hoare but team-mate Graeme Fletcher was on hand to slam in the rebound.

GOSLING TO THE RESCUE

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

WOLLONGONG CITY only had themselves to blame after losing to Newcastle Rosebuds 1-2 in their first round NSL Cup match at Marconi Stadium.

Newcastle had the upper hand during the first period scoring in the 17th minute (Glenn Fontana own goal) and 35th minute (Joe Senkalski penalty).

Seconds before the break, Peter Kotamanidis raised a glimmer of hope for Wollongong, scoring with a cracking 30 metre drive.

Wollongong looked well in control during the second period but lacked finishing in front of the Newcastle goal.

Attempts by Kotamanidis in the 61st

REFEREE: A. Owens.



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MARTON STARS FOR SAINTS

BY ANDREW PASHALIDIS

DEZ MARTON proved that he is still one of Australia's best strikers, starring for St George in their 2-1 NSL Cup win over Wollongong City at St George Stadium.

Marton, who scored Saints' first goal in the 46th minute, was well supported by midfielders Peter Stone and Mark Barton and centre-back Andrew Koczka.

Wollongong raced away to an early lead after only eight minutes.

A long clearance by goalkeeper Ron Tilsed bounced over the St George defence and Peter Beggs darted through and confidently drove the ball low into goal.

Despite conceding two goals, Tilsed was one of the better performers for Wollongong, saving three goal-bound shots in the 33rd, 73rd and 78th minutes.

With only six minutes remaining, young striker

David Batten scored the winning goal for St George.

Batten broke through on the right flank and his angled shot bounced off the post and ricocheted into goal off a bewildered Wollongong defender.

ST GEORGE: Young (Rosano 45), Papas, Danaskos, Barton, Zantides, Koczka, Rico, Stone, Batten, Petkovski (Polias 65), Marton.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Tilsed, Green, Kerr, Hristovski (Nees 64), Vlietstra, Condron, Beggs, Isedale, Willis, Kotamanidis, S. Dickson (Corindini 64).

REFEREE: D. Rennie. CROWD: 1,000.



Wollongong striker Scott Dickson is pressured by a Saints defender at St George Stadium

FRUSTRATING DRAW

BY VIC MIGLIACCIO

THE latter match of the double-header in Adelaide, although entertaining in some parts, was an anti-climax in comparison to the Adcity - Blacktown game.

West Adelaide had to win to have a chance in the grouping, but could only draw 0-0 against an under-strength Sydney City.

It was a hard tussle which frustrated both sides. In the first half, West Adelaide dominated with Nick Malavasos, George Constantopoulos and Tim Brown all having scoring chances, but they were denied by the Sydney City's brilliant ex-Socceroo goalie Todd Clarke.

Sydney City gained the upper hand in the second half and in fact in the 50th minute Jean-Paul De Marigny scored what looked like a perfect goal but referee Jim Rossini ruled it offside.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, Papazoglu, McGregor, McGachey (Moussoulis 61), Honeyman, Manou, Constantopoulos, Panagis, Malavasos, Atsalas, Brown (Papadopoulos 45).

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, Rodrigues, K. Falconer, Gomez, Lynch, Kay, De Marigny (Cokeley 85), P. Falconer, Lee, Fletcher (Bottalico 80), Murray. REFEREE: J. Rossini. CROWD: 7,000.

KOVACIC PENALTY SINKS MARCONI

BY ANDREW PASHALIDIS

A SOLITARY goal by Sydney Croatia's Marijan Kovacic was enough to give his team a 1-0 win over Marconi in the first round of the NSL Cup.

Kovacic, who scored from the penalty spot in the 24th minute after Shane Clinch was fouled, was effective in the unaccustomed position of central defender.

The 1-0 scoreline flattered Marconi. Had it not been for the good form of goalie Bruce James, Croatia could have added more.

Graham Arnold, who usually plays in the central striking position for Croatia, performed admirably in the central midfield. Team-mate Wally Savor maintained his fine early season form.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Spanos (Markovski 77), Carbone, Mariani, Calderan, Driene, Lowe, Brown, Mason, Licata.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasich, M. Kovacic, Sterrey, Borges, Clinch, Savor, Arnold, Boden, Rezo.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc.

GRITTY PENRITH PERFORMANCE

IT was a touch of genuine mountain grit that led Penrith City to a hard-earned 1-0 win over Parramatta Melita at Cook Park on Sunday.

Coach Willie Wallace set the tone by dropping his leading midfielder Ian Wotherspoon for failure to report to duties the regulation hour before the game.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

From there the defence carried on with rawboned David McIntosh extremely effective in the air. Finally goalkeeper Mike Gibson capped a great afternoon with a glorious penalty save.

Penrith's Jeff Ainsworth was penalised for handling the ball inside the box. Ray Farrugia's top record as a penalty taker was ended when Gibson dived left to redirect a well-placed shot around the post.

Melita had been helping themselves to the lions' share of midfield play, with Farrugia trying long balls and Alex Jamieson intelligently working his way forward in a succession of short passing moves.

BY VIC MIGLIACCIO

PENRITH CITY: Gibson, Brogan, Hale, Daley, McIntosh, Nix, Ainsworth, Colusso, Cotton, Hunter (Fitzharris 82), Jackson (Easthorpe 75).

PARRAMATTA MELITA: McPherson, Gregson,

McDonald, Barrios, McAusland, Allan, Jamieson, Farrugia, Andricopoulos, A. Callanan (McKie 46), Vial.

REFEREE: G. Warne. CROWD: 1,959.

STEWART'S HOT SHOT

A SENSATIONAL goal by former Youth Socceroo Russell Stewart opened an aggressive NSL Cup first round 1-1 draw between Brisbane City and Lions at Perry Park.

Stewart used the outside of his foot to blast a second minute free-kick from 30 metres on the right. His shot powered to the near post where City keeper Kim Wishart spread his body, but the wildly spinning ball ricocheted into the goal.

City were slowly taking control and it came as no surprise when they equalised in the 39th minute. The move started from a free-kick on the left which was scrambled in from close range by Bobby Hamilton.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Fabrizio, Liddell, Milovanovic, Bromfield, Swan, Pimblett, Hamilton, Falco, Glockner (Scriggins 73), Mengotti.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, Jackson, Hunter, Vasquez, Niven, R. Stewart (Vincent 63), J. Stewart, Ogden, Junna, Cairney, Fulton.

CITY: Wishart, Fabrizio, Liddell, Milovanovic, Bromfield, Swan, Pimblett, Mengotti, Hughes (Wilkinson 64), Scriggins, Falco.

HEIDELBERG WIN AGAIN

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

HEIDELBERG disposed of Preston 2-0 in the second round of the NSL Cup.

though they started the game favourites.

The youthful South Melbourne side resisted the pressure of their more experienced opponents and survived for 90 minutes to make it two draws in a row without their established players.

Footscray downed Sunshine George Cross 2-1, with one of the goals coming from new signing Tony Caban.

Sunshine George Cross took the lead with a goal by Ossie Latif but Footscray staged a comeback to win the game.

Gary McDowell scored the equaliser and Caban hit the winning goal.

As in the first round of the Cup, attendances were extremely disappointing in Melbourne.

MARCONI HAD WOOD ON CITY

MARCONI have the woodwork to thank for their lucky 2-1 win over Brisbane City at Spencer Park.

The Sydney team's goals came from harmless shots that rebounded into the net off the upright.

BY GREG RUSSELL

City had taken the lead after only six minutes when Angelo Falco rose above the Marconi defence to loop a header over Bruce James. But rather than taking the initiative, the Brisbane side showed no commitment and merely handed the game back to Marconi.

In the 35th minute, Marconi full-back Paul Carter finished a big run with a low shot that headed goalwards barely faster than a roll.

But City keeper Kim Wishart, who three minutes earlier made a sensational save to deny Rene Licata a goal, went down too early. Carter's shot bobbed on the un-

even ground and evaded Wishart's outstretched hands to hit the far post and trickled into the net.

Wishart made amends in the 63rd minute with a fine save off a Steve Calderan header, but he was given no chance of stopping the Marconi winner in injury time.

The ball was deflected past him as it skewed off the boot of Frank Liddell.

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REFEREE: D. Nugent.

CROWD: 900.

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ROUND UP

STERREY'S GREAT DISPLAY

BY ANDY HENDERSON

THIS was a game which Sydney Croatia should have wrapped up in the first half, but Brisbane Lions left King Tomislav Park with a point in a scoreless draw.

In the first half, Nelio Borges missed several good chances and Wally Savor's well-directed header hit the post in the 23rd minute after the best move of the match.

After this, both sides settled down to indulge in dull midfield play complete with poor passing and sadly delayed movement into attack.

Both sets of defences, John Charlton and Steve Jackson for the visitors and Brett Woods and Lee Sterrey for Croatia, had no problems in coping with balls which strayed their way.

Sterrey turned in the best display of the day and used the ball well on every occasion he gained possession.

The Brisbane side ap-

peared happy to settle for a draw and often only had one forward in Croatia's territory.

Over the last 10 minutes they must have realised that the game was winnable. The Lions came out of their shell, inspired by Russell Stewart and John Ogden, and could have grabbed the winner against the run of play.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasich, M.Kovacic, Sterrey, Borges (Meades 65), Clinch, Savor, Arnold, Boden, Rezo.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, Jackson, Charlton, Vasquez, Niven, R.Stewart, J.Stewart, Ogden, Fulton (Daunt 75), Junna, Cairney (Vincent 83).

CROWD: 1,800.



Newcastle striker Derek Todd is challenged by Leichhardt stopper Mark Pullen in Sunday's NSL Cup match

ROSEBUDS CONTINUE PROGRESS

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

THE NSL Cup clash between Newcastle Rosebuds and Leichhardt was one of contrasting halves.

Although Leichhardt ran out convincing winners 1-0, Newcastle are continually improving with every game under the guidance of new coach Willie Gallagher.

During the first 45 minutes Newcastle, led by striker Derek Todd, matched the more experienced Leichhardt side.

However, Leichhardt were in control during the second half and created six scoring opportunities.

Had it not been for some fine goalkeeping by Newcastle's Clint Gosling and defensive work by Michael Boogaard, Leichhardt could have added more to their tally.

Young substitute striker Tony Genovese scored the all-important winner in the 84th minute following good lead-up work by Mark Pullen and John Bradley.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Power, Boogaard, Thompson, Kerby (Johns 77), Senkalski, Brandt, Milosevic, Jones (Mason 84), Todd.

LEICHARDT: Parkes, Bozanic, Brown, Bertogna, Pullen, Butler, Bradley, De Ceglie (Colagiuri 57), Caban (Genovese 64), Tredinnick, Morsello.

REFEREE: G.Power. CROWD: 1,000.

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NO JOKE ANYMORE, THANKS TO OWEN

OWEN BURNS helped change the concept of women's Soccer from being a "kick and giggle" sport to a serious game in Tamworth.

From the time that Owen tied on his first pair of Soccer boots at the age of 12, it was obvious that he had leadership qualities.

In 1971, whilst in his senior years at the Meadowbank High School, Owen was graded into the third side and graduated from this team the following year when he was made captain of the reserve side. It was during his captaincy that the reserves took out the 1972 premiership.

Beach Women's Soccer Club

Triumph

Owen recommenced playing, this time with the Umina reserve side in the Premier League competition, and, in the same year, commenced his now-established interest with women's Soccer by becoming the coach for the Central Coast women's rep side in the Northern NSW Championship.



Women In Soccer

BY DON BALMAIN

Sydney lost a talented referee and coach at the end of 1976 when Owen and his parents moved to the Central Coast.

He lost little time settling into his new district and began playing for the Ettalong Soccer Club.

In 1978, Owen captained the Woy Woy men's side. During that year, his life changed.

The Australian Women's Soccer Championships were held in Newcastle and the goalkeeper for the Northern NSW side, Cheryl Drummond, caught his eye. Apart from being a good goalie, Cheryl was from the Ettalong club and the Central Coast Women's representative side.

Owen became vice-president of the Ocean

The year 1981 was a double triumph for Owen and Cheryl when Cheryl was named Central Coast Player of the Year and Owen received a similar accolade, being named the Referee of the Year.

Work reasons took the young married couple away from the Central Coast late that year and they settled in Tamworth.

It was not very long before both of them became involved in the game there.

Owen recalls that when they arrived, women's Soccer was something of a joke.

He called on his old friend Irene Sneyd, who was instrumental in getting the game started there.

Two weeks before the

BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER!

In keeping with the apparent new policy on front page format (the photo of Kerry Millman, ASW, 15.5.84), our girls have voted John Kosmina the bloke they would like to have a perv at. Could we please have a photo of John in a very brief cossie smiling coyly over his shoulder?

Being a feature about the sporting ability of a well-known player, the caption would begin "John Kosmina, Australian captain, is excited about the visit of Manchester United . . .". Maintaining the tone that sports participation is beneficial for personal character development, naturally the caption would end "Who says there is no beauty in Australian Men's Soccer?"

What a sad contrast it is that in the same week the sports section of a Sunday newspaper in Sydney prints a feature on a girl playing Soccer (Amy Tredinnick, Sun-Herald, 20.5.84) with more sense and sensitivity than the major Soccer paper in Australia.

After several years of steady progress in providing publicity for women's Soccer, this is a giant step backward for ASW.

LEE OWENS,
Publicity Officer,
Gladesville-Hornsby Women's
Football Association

We'll try and get a photo of Kossie in a cossie —
Ed.

1982 Northern NSW Championships, Owen became the secretary of the Tamworth Association. This was also the year that women's Soccer recovered financially and things started to look good for the future.

Their State representatives grew from one in 1981 to nine and then 12 in 1982.

Owen was nominated by the Northern NSW women's association to referee at the 1981 Australian Championships, held in Sydney.

Last year, still as secretary of the association and the oldest of a young executive, Owen, 28, was instrumental in changing the name of the Association from Namoi Valley to the Tamworth women's Soccer Association.

Last year he switched from the "Aussie" club to form his own women's side called Rangers.

They narrowly missed out on a semi-final berth by one point.

The couple's first child, Ryan, was born in August last year and Owen decided that because of the time involved, he would not stand for secretary. He was not allowed to get away that easily though and reluctantly accepted the position of fixtures officer.

This year he approached the Tamworth branch of Westpac for sponsorship. As a result, the Rangers have new gear thanks to Westpac.

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AROK IS UNFAIR

I AM very disappointed with the manner in which Frank Arok has selected our national team.

It's extremely unfair to choose an initial squad (those players trained very hard and took time off work) and then turn around and bring in new players.

I can't understand why the coach doesn't stick to his decisions by either keeping the original squad and not adding more players, or selecting the outside players in the beginning.

This would save unnecessary "wasted time" on behalf of the whole squad (getting used to new players and all the extra effort involved in preparation).

If Arok can't stick to his decisions it disadvantages our Aussie team.

AN AUSSIE SUPPORTER,
Sydney, NSW.

FORGET THE POMS

ONE can only question the mentality of ASF administrators in regards to the sad demise of this truly wonderful sport of Soccer in this country over the past decade.

In regard to the international series, the ASF must sincerely believe that the Australian sporting public are naive or just complete idiots.

When is the ASF going to realise that nobody wants to see depleted overseas teams? Yet they expect full support from the public.



CENTRAL COAST SUCCESS

BY KEITH GILMOUR

CENTRAL COAST Association Soccer Club's successful coach Bill Vrolyks (left) is pictured at the club's media function at Gosford Aquatic Club with treasurer Don Patterson.

Dutch-born Vrolyks served in the Air Force and arrived in Australia in 1945. A fine player, he was one of the stars of the now-defunct Sydney Australian Club.

Later he turned his hand to coaching in the NSW State League. One of his clubs was Pan Helens.

After assisting with the start of the Parklea venture and with the South-

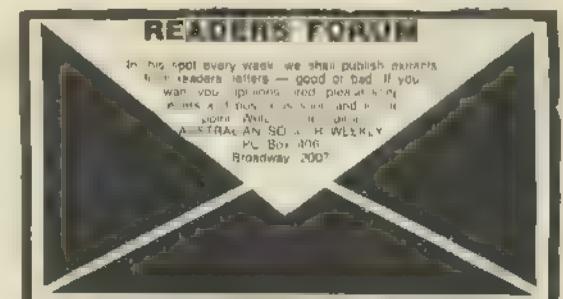
ern & Eastern Soccer Association, he and his wife Edith settled in a lovely waterside setting at Koolewong (near Gosford) six years ago.

Twice in three years he took Umina Soccer Club to senior honours in the Central Coast Association, and then his major success came in 1983 when Central Coast won the 1983 Northern NSW First Division.

In addition, he is course secretary of the local Coaches Federation, with experienced Angus Payne as president.

Don Patterson (also pictured) served for seven years as fixture secretary of Central Coast Association before becoming treasurer.

He is one of a strong band of officials who are making Soccer the big game on the Coast.



TV COVER IS POOR

SAMUEL McGREGOR's excellent letter in the May 8 issue urges administrators to be aware of their responsibilities to the code. May I add commentators to the list.

I have been appalled recently by the sub-standard commentary on Network 9's "Match of the Day." Match commentators have regularly questioned the awarding of obvious penalties. When a sending-off takes place they appear in all cases to take the side of the player offending.

The most absurd example of this was in a recent game when a player was sent off for trying to kick a prone player. The commentator on this occasion remained unconvinced that a transgression of the rules had taken place and poured doubt upon the referee's decision. One shudders at the consequences of his comments on the young aspiring player's code of football behaviour.

The standard of the broadcaster's work not only influences the young player but has a part to play in raising the senior player's awareness of what is acceptable and not acceptable. When this occurs we will see a higher stan-

dard of skill and more professional approach in our game by all concerned.

What we would then see on our television sets should encourage us to go out to watch the game.

JOHN PADOVAN,
Fairfield, NSW.

YOUTHS' HARD TASK

I HAVE been involved with junior Soccer for 20 years and find the NSL Under 19 competition a very difficult task for most U16 Youth League boys.

The majority of players seem to be coming from State League lower grades. My suggestion would be to have a third grade. This would allow younger fellows with potential to prove themselves.

Melita coach Raul Blancco has in his Under 19 side a player, John Gregson, who in my opinion is a natural defender and a future Socceroo.

I believe something must be done in order to give every boy his fair chance in this very competitive sport.

P. REEVES,
Fairfield, NSW.

MONEY WINS TROPHIES

THE wind-up of the English and Scottish Soccer seasons has brought some remarkable results in the winning and losing stakes.

The city of Liverpool won all major trophies.

Liverpool won the League championship and Milk Cup, with the FA Cup going to Everton.

Everton was also losing finalist in the Milk Cup final against Liverpool.

In Scotland, Glasgow Celtic was runner-up in the League and losing finalists in the League Cup and FA Cup.

Celtic lost to Aberdeen in the League Championship and in the Scottish FA Cup, and lost to Rangers in the Scottish League Cup final.

The Midland clubs in England, that is the

clubs situated in the middle of England, had a very bad year.

In the First Division, midlands clubs, Birmingham and Wolverhampton were both relegated, as was Port Vale in the Third Division.

Southampton produced a wonderful late season run to finish second to Liverpool in the English First Division, edging out Manchester United which had set the pace all season with Liverpool.

Southampton's manager, Laurie McMenemy, had been sought two years ago by Manchester United, but turned them down.

This was a very unusu-

al step, because United would rate among the top six clubs in the world and you do not find managers refusing their approaches.

McMenemy has been almost a decade with Southampton and perhaps he likes the thought of a regular income without the threat of the axe.

It has taken Chelsea a long time to get back to First Division status which it lost several seasons ago.

Chelsea used up three managers, including former England star Geoff Hurst, before taking out the second division.

Newcastle United had been in the Second Division even longer, but the outstanding coup of luring Kevin Keegan to the north east of England two years ago has paid off with promotion.

Newcastle, without Keegan next year, will probably face a season long battle to hold on to their new status as will their neighbour Sunderland.

The unique strength of English Soccer in the past has been its spread of outstanding clubs all of whom were capable of winning major trophies.

Now, with player wages and transfer fees so costly, honours are becoming increasingly consolidated in the hands of the richer big city clubs in London, Manchester and Liverpool.

In Scotland this has

always been the case, with the big Glasgow Clubs Rangers and Celtic invariably dominating the scene, joined by the odd provincial club from time to time.

This time round it is the turn of Aberdeen which has built up a fine side under the management of Alex Ferguson.

He has also been wooed by the big two, but like McMenemy, he has turned down their approaches, presumably opting for the relative security of the northern Scotland granite city of Aberdeen to the pressure of having to win everything with Rangers or Celtic.



BY MIKE JOHNSON

sion, then their best players, especially the goalscorers, are lured away with bigger money and it is back to the grey environment of the mid-table, or even relegation for the club.

That is the way of the Soccer world today, just as it is in all major sports.

Money talks.

It also wins trophies more than do the managers, though Laurie McMenemy has proven that sound management and able coaching can still get a result for a small town club such as Southampton with its population of not much more than 100,000.

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AIS DOUBTS ON TOP PLAYERS

BY TOM MCKAIN

WITH no National Youth League — as in NSW and Victoria — South Australia is more than delighted with the State team's runners-up spot in the recent Australian Youth Championship in Canberra.

But grave doubts have been cast on the advisability of having all the proposed Socceroo Youth squad at the Australian Institute of Sport.

Beaten only 0-1 by Victoria, who retained the title, the SA squad compensated for its lack of an NSL Youth League by having its players drawn from the SA Sports Institute.

Youngsters from the two NSL clubs and State League clubs, attend sessions at the Institute as well as training with their clubs.

But perhaps the strongest feature of the SA team was that all the

players — apart from Sean Greaves, who is at the Australian Institute of Sports — play in the NSL or State League first teams.

Is the plan to have the proposed Australian Youth team at the AIS such a good idea?

According to reports, the boys outside the confines of the AIS and playing in senior competition were way ahead of the AIS boys.

The fact that it is expected the majority will be from outside the AIS should be no reflection on coach Jimmy Shoulder.

He had done the best with what was available, and could be a victim of a system which does not allow the best of the candidates to attend the AIS.

And even if they did, to play in a Youth League and not the NSL or a State League, does nothing to prepare youngsters to face overseas players who are all playing top Soccer for senior club sides.

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Would they have reached their present standard had they been able to move to Canberra?

It is doubtful. The ASF may have to have a rethink about the AIS as far as the Youth squad is concerned.

And we do not envy Shoulder when it comes to picking his World Youth Championship squad.

Now, with player wages and transfer fees so costly, honours are becoming increasingly consolidated in the hands of the richer big city clubs in London, Manchester and Liverpool.

With these small clubs such as York it is usually a brief spell in the sun at the top of a lower division.

In Scotland this has

been the way to prove they were the best in the country.

If the bulk of the AIS boys are not eventually chosen for the Australian Youth team and the World Youth Cup, how can the time and money spent on them be justified?

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Let's try to work out exactly what happened.

A cross came over and Watford goalkeeper Steve Sherwood climbed high to catch it. But something

I am referring to Everton's second goal, scored by Andy Gray. Many people, especially supporters of Watford, insist the goal was illegal. They claim they were robbed by the ref.

So the only point of argument with Andy Gray's goal is — did Gray head the ball out of Sherwood's hands after it was under Sherwood's safe control?

If so, a foul was committed.

They're not just talking. They are analysing one particular decision by the referee John Hunting. And the arguments go on and on.

went wrong. Gray also climbed up and made contact with the ball with his head.

Next thing we knew the ball was in the net and the referee was pointing to the centre circle.

Since the live telecast of that game, several people have asked me to decide... was it a good goal or not? They want to know if I would have allowed the goal.

I believe the referee in this case was 100 per cent correct.

Not just because refs, the world over, always stick up for each other!

No, I really think Hunting made the right decision because he realised the ball had not been safely collected in the goalkeeper's hands. If the ball is not safely in the goalkeeper's control, an opposing player has every right to head it or kick it.

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FRACAS ENDS WELL FOR BOB

BY PHIL MURPHY

BOB FRACASSO made all the controversy worthwhile when he scored a goal in Bellambi's upset 2-1 win over West-Figtree.

The previous week Fracasso caused a stir when he played against Bulli while still officially the property of Fairy Meadow.

As Bellambi also beat Bulli, he wasn't too popular out Bulli way.

A check with the Illawarra Association revealed Fracasso had not been properly cleared to Bulli.

It seems he was given a clearance by the Association but not by Fairy Meadow. A hastily convened meeting of the ISA executive decided it was a "human error" and no action could be taken.

Everyone makes mistakes, but if you are in Bulli's shoes you would have every right to be a bit upset.

Fracasso was used as a replacement in the second half of the game and from all reports really sparked Bellambi to life when he came on.

SHELLHARBOUR midfielder Col Hamilton won't forget his team's 0-1 loss to Premier League leaders Fernhill in a hurry.

It was Hamilton who placed a header past his own goalkeeper Kevin O'Donnell to give the Hill the points.

Hamilton has just gained a place in the Shellharbour first grade side after being rejected by Dapto earlier in the season.

Well known from his days with Fairy Meadow, Hamilton had a year off to start a nursery business. Despite his own goal effort, he should be an asset to the Shellharbour side as the season goes on.

FAIRY MEADOW life member Fred Saladino certainly takes the prize as their keenest supporter.

The father of club president Frank, he is holidaying in his native Italy but keeps in touch with the team's results.

After every weekend game he is on the phone to Frank and the question he asks first is always: "How did the boys go?"

He says he is enjoying his holiday but can't wait to get back to watch his team in action.

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WARRAWONG club have been put on a \$500 bond to the end of the season because their home ground and general organisation are not up to scratch.

When they played Oak Flats recently, Warrawong's Under 19 team could manage only 17 minutes each-way because they started late.

Warrawong officials have been told to "lift their game" or they will forfeit the money.

The club have George Stojanovski back on deck as secretary and the fact he has been out of the job because of business commitments is the main reason Warrawong are in hot water.

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THERE have been fun and games in the Wollongong Business Houses League recently over a club named the Maltese Falcons.

It seems the Falcons, promoted to first division this season, have been using a player named Jimmy Spirovski.

The problem has been that the player is registered with district Premier League club Cringila, and to make matters worse is

serving a lengthy suspension.

Spirovski played seven times with Falcons, but someone made the mistake of putting his real name on the team-sheet one week.

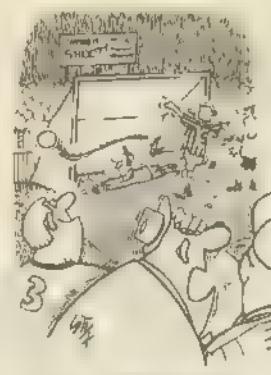
League secretary John Fettes said the club appeared before the committee and were outed for life.

That still wasn't the end of the story ...

Falcons went to the appeals board and the three board members decided they were guilty of the charge but reduced the ban to just four games.

Now the ruling body is mad with the appeals board and an extraordinary meeting is pending, so anything could happen.

The league was formed so the players could have a social game on Sunday mornings for FUN!



Popular

Interstate games were popular "in the old days" but died out, although SA and Victoria tried to keep them alive.

Overseas teams took their place, and when the novelty of tours wore off, and some clubs asked for too much money, State teams went into mothballs.

The arrival of the national club competition was the final "killer".

However, the success of the recent NSW-Queensland match has rekindled interest, at least in SA.

"I don't know what the reaction of the other States will be, but it is worth sounding them out," said Mr Nikolich.

Some officials also feel the interstate games would give national coach Frank Arok a chance to see more players outside of Sydney than he does under the present set-up.

Reaction

And they would also give a chance to players outside the National League.

While State League clubs would no doubt welcome the move, there may be a different reaction from outside in the NSL.

They guard their players jealously and in most cases are reluctant to release them for any sessions, let alone games, which could result in injuries.

"We've had these problems before and always managed to get round them," said Mr Nikolich.

"With the World Cup games coming up I'm certain there would be a market for interstate competition, particularly if there was a cash prize at the end of it."

"And don't forget the plan would also involve Western Australia and Tasmania, who are out of the national scene at the moment."

THISTLES ARE BACK ON TOP

BY PAT ALLEN

LITHGOW THISTLES regained their outright lead in the Mid-State competition by virtue of a convincing 2-1 victory over Waratahs in Orange.

Waratahs would be flattered by the scoreline as they never seriously threatened Thistles.

Shaun Sellers put his team into the lead with a well-taken volley. This was the signal for Thistles to take control.

Shortly before half time a crisp attacking move down the right wing resulted in a neat cross being clearly tucked into the net.

Glen Hooper provided one of Waratahs' few bright spots with a typical thrusting run which was abruptly halted by a last-ditch tackle. The result was a penalty from which Carl Baressi scored.

John McCloskey, at centre-back, was outstanding, as was midfielder George Coull.

Ex-Services ensured that congestion at the head of the ladder would remain with a 4-0 win over Mudgee, but not before they had received their share of frights in the opening 15 minutes.

After several near misses, Gordon Lambert headed Ex-Services to the lead by half-time.

The second half was more convincing for the Orange team with goals to Zoran Mustac (two) and Alan Sharpe sealing the match against a tenacious and enthusiastic Mudgee.

Man of the Match was Ex-Services' Phil McAndrew who came in following injury to Eric Jacobs.

East Dubbo United continued to press for a semi-spot at the expense of Parkes by winning 2-1 in a rough and physical game.

Rob Crowe scored

twice for United as against one Steve Bateson penalty for Parkes. The penalty was initially saved by brilliant goalkeeper Karl Haldane but Bateson put it away at the second attempt.

Canobolas Rangers produced the shock of the round with a convincing 3-1 win over Dubbo South Wanderers in Dubbo. A goal after only 50 seconds by David Isbester got the Orange side away to a dream start.

Wanderers emerged for the second half with more purpose and for 15 minutes looked like getting back into the match but were thwarted by another goal, this time to Rangers leading scorer Glen Olsson.

In the final match, Cowra came the closest they have been all season to providing a shock when narrowly beaten 1-2.

With only minutes remaining it appeared CYMS would drop a vital point and give Cowra their first mid-state point.

SWAN IS ON SONG

BY GREG RUSSELL

FORMER Grange Thistle striker Ross Swan — the brother of Brisbane City NSL player Ken Swan — has become a goalscoring sensation at Premier League club North Star.

When Ken left Grange Thistle for City this year, Ross also decided it was time for a move and hasn't set a foot wrong since going to O'Callaghan Park.

After six rounds of the Premier League, Swan had a goal-a-game record. In fact, he had scored all six North Star goals to that point of the competition.

It seems no defence is able to stop the nippy striker and the 21-year-old is fast turning into the buy of the season.

The youngster offers no reason for his goalscoring purple patch, but he obviously is benefiting from pinpoint service from North Star's other big signing, Jim Hermiston.



Hermiston

Hermiston, the former NSL Player of the Year, has been playing in the North Star midfield and has many times been a class above his opponents.

But two players do not make a team, and North Star have conceded as many goals as they have scored. Along with Ipswich United, they are the draw experts of the League so far.

Three of Stars' first six games finished even, with the side's only win being the first round clash

against Wynnum. But they have looked impressive and could be among the honours at the end of the year.

Ipswich United's four draws in the first six games, though, has been one of the real surprises.

United, one of the most experienced sides in Queensland, were expected to be the pacesetters of the competition. But after six rounds they were nestled only mid-table.

The early pacesetting has been taken by United's arch-rivals Coalstars and usual muddle-of-the-table side Acacia Ridge.

Both sides had similar records after six rounds — three wins, two draws and a loss.

Last season's champions, Mount Gravatt, are poised to take over the lead as the Hawks last week were one point off the lead with a game in hand.

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FORMER Brisbane Lions coach Simon Kistemaker has landed on his feet back in Holland.

Kistemaker broke his 1984 contract with Lions to stay in the Netherlands to coach First Division club Volendam. The club asked him to steer them away from relegation.

Kistemaker succeeded, but circumstances involving sponsors forced the club to appoint a new coach. Kistemaker was given a sizeable golden handshake.

But the performance at Volendam won him the coaching position at the much better-credentialed Nec Breda.

OFFICIAL NSW TABLES

	IV 1 GDE 1
	P W D L F A Pts
Monaro	9 6 3 0 35 13 15
Manly	8 5 3 0 19 3 13
Rockdale	9 5 2 2 22 11 12
Burnett	8 4 3 2 10 9 11
Cant-Mile	9 4 3 2 11 6 10
Sutherland	8 4 2 3 11 5 10
Yugal	9 1 4 4 10 15 6
Warringah	8 2 2 4 11 7 16
Polonia	9 1 4 4 8 14 6
Avala	9 2 2 5 9 24 6
Bankstown	9 3 1 6 10 21 5
Ku-ring-gai	9 1 3 5 10 21 5

	DIV 1 GDE 2
Cant-Mile	9 8 0 1 22 10 16
Sutherland	9 4 3 2 23 15 11
Bankstown	8 5 1 2 17 8 11
Ku-ring-gai	8 4 3 2 12 9 11
Manly	8 4 2 2 21 9 10
Auburn	9 3 3 3 15 14 9
Warringah	8 4 1 3 12 12 9
Rockdale	8 2 3 3 13 13 6
Monaro	9 3 0 6 14 20 6
Yugal	9 2 2 5 7 17 6
Polonia	9 1 2 6 5 21 4
Avala	9 1 2 6 7 20 4

	DIV 1 GDE 3
Cant-Mile	8 6 1 1 19 7 13
Sutherland	8 5 2 1 22 12 12
Polonia	7 6 0 1 21 9 12
Manly	8 5 1 2 16 9 11
Auburn	7 4 0 3 15 10 8
Rockdale	8 3 0 5 11 14 6
Warringah	7 2 2 3 9 15 6
Yugal	7 2 0 5 6 18 4
Avala	7 2 0 7 17 24 4
Bankstown	7 1 2 4 6 14 4
Ku-ring-gai	8 2 0 6 7 20 4

	DIV 2 GDE 1
F Meadow	9 8 0 1 20 7 16
Dee Why	8 6 1 2 19 6 14
B'wn Utd	10 5 3 3 23 12 13
Bathurst	9 5 3 1 21 7 13
Glades Hby	9 5 2 2 13 6 12
W'pong Mac	8 4 3 1 15 7 11
Nth B'wn	8 4 1 3 10 9 9
Rev Wkrs	8 3 2 3 14 8 8
Artemon	11 2 3 6 15 29 7
Belmore	9 1 3 5 9 21

TURKOGLU OFF TO EUROPE

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

MANY players dream of playing first division football in Europe.

This goal may be realised by Yugal player Mark Turkoglu.

Turkoglu, a young, tenacious defender, leaves for Germany this Friday.

"I will be mainly situated in Dortmund," he said.

"Although I haven't approached any club in Germany, I'll have a good look around and see what's happening."

Primarily, Turkoglu is to trial with popular Turkish club, Ankaragucu.

Located in the national capital Ankara, Ankaragucu are currently sitting in fourth position in the country's national

competition.

Turkoglu had the opportunity to trial with Ankaragucu last year.

"A relative of mine is an official at the club and he contacted me last year about having a trial."

"I couldn't go because I was under contract with Yugal."

"It was too late to go anyway, as the Turkish season was almost finished," he added.

Turkoglu, who is equally effective in the midfield, has been at Yugal for seven years.

This year is his third in the top grade and he is confident that Yugal can finish in the top four.

"The team should reach the semi-finals," he said.

"But whether they do is another thing. We have been very unlucky during the last few weeks, drawing games that we should have easily won."

On a positive note, Tom Mihalovic, last year's coach, will be returning to Australia in a couple of weeks with two accomplished Yugoslavian players.

Mark Turkoglu is a very ambitious player. Everyone involved with the Yugal club wish him the best.

He concluded: "I will give it my best shot."

AUBURN SILENCE CRITICS

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

AUBURN-URUGUAY have surprised many critics this year and are comfortably sitting in fourth position in the competition.

Led by experienced coach Lubo Gojcovic, Auburn have not been defeated in their last seven outings.

What is even more surprising is that it cost Auburn a poultry \$400 to rebuild the first grade squad this season.

Gojcovic is impressed with the performances of his relatively young squad.

"In the first round we lost against Monaro 1-3 and the following week we were unlucky to lose against Manly 0-1," he said.

"We may not have many name players but we have a very competitive team."

"All the players sacrifice their personal interests for teamwork. The players are highly motivated and are a very dedicated unit," he added.

During the past couple of seasons Auburn have been continually flagging at the bottom of the ladder.

In the last round of the competition last year, Auburn defeated Bankstown to climb from the foot of the competition.

Initially, Gojcovic was looking for stability in his first season with the team.

As he puts it: "I was aiming for a respectable position on the ladder."

These views have been slightly altered now.

"Initially I would have been happy to finish in the middle of the competition. It looks like the team can go even further."

"No-one believed that we could do anything with the squad we have. If we continue on the same path we will surprise even more people."

RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Fairy Meadow v Nth B'stwn	1-0 0-0 1-1
Revesby Wkrs v Gladesv Hsby	0-1 1-1 0-2
Parra City v Penrith Utd	3-3 1-2 1-3
Un of NSW v Wgong Mac	0-1 3-1 1-2
B'twn Utd v Belmore	0-0 7 0-1-1
Dee Why Swans v Artarmon	2 0 3-2 2-2
Bathurst '75 v Bye	0-1 2-5
Parra City v B'twn Utd	

3rd DIVISION

Baulkham Hills v Port Hacking	1-1 1-3 0-0
M Bank L'pool v Kingsford	3-1 0-1 4-2
C'town City v Queens Pk E/S 1-0 2-2 3-0	
Nth Ryde Amat v CSI-Schofields	2-1 4-2 4-0
Lane Cove Utd v King Tomislav	3-6 2-3 Vcl
Mt Druitt Town v Bondi Marine	0-3 0-4 0-2

INTER URBAN 1st DIVISION

Padstow Pk v Wetherill Pk	1-1 0-1
Ewood St And v Rooty Hill	0-1 1-1
Spanish Club v Sydney Uni	4-4 0-4
H'ville-Zagreb v Nineveh E	3-0
Wentworth v C'belltown G	1-2-3-1
Chile Sports v Syd Maccabi	7-0 3-2
G'm Valley Utd v W St George	2-1 1-1

2nd DIVISION

West Utd v Chelsea	3-3 1-0
H'bury Dist v Macarthur Utd	2-2 5-2
Tras Sports v Macq Uni	2-0 0-0
Pagewood v Concordia	1-0 4-0

3rd DIVISION

Rosebery v Nepean Rvrs	4-17 1-1
Chullora v M Farm Rangs	0-0 1-3
Robins v B'twn Wards	2-3 0-1
L'pool City v H'field B/D's	1-0 1-0
Rgrs Hajduk v Bye	
Dunwich Hill v S'ield Hots	5-4 5-2

4th DIVISION

B'twn Wkrs v Lansvale Utd	2-2 1-1
L'pool Rangers v Welcome Sp	1 3 1-1
Heilas Pose v Concord Jnr	2-6 5-4
L'gong Wkms v Celo Colo	2 0 0-2
Jedinstvo Utd v Castle Hill	1-2 1-0
Argentinian L/U v Bye	

5th DIVISION

Macedonia Y v Santiago Wards	9-1 6-0
Pham Lus v Calabria	3-1 3-3
Field Athletic v Crescent Star	3-0 5-2
Greensland v Bye	
L'ham Crooba v Abruzzi	2-3 1-6
St Marys RSL v Sans Souci	1 0-3-1



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STATE LEAGUE

DIVISION 3

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DIVISION 1

Sunday June 3:

Inter Monaro v Manly Warringah
Bankstown National v Avala
Cant.-M'ville Oly. v Auburn Uruguay
Sutherland v Yugal
Warringah N'been v Ku-Ring-Gai
Polonia v Rockdale Ilinden

Bruce Stadium
Mona Park
Arlington Oval
Seymour Shaw Pk
N'been Fit Camp
Chopin Park

DIVISION 2

Sunday June 3:

North Bankstown v Dee Why Swans
Gladesville Hornsby v Fairy Meadow
Penrith United v Revesby Workers
Wollongong v Parramatta City
Belmore v University of N.S.W.
Bathurst '75 v Blacktown United

Potts Park
Pioneer Park
Cook Park
Berkeley S/G
Blick Oval
Proctor Park

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

DIVISION 1

Saturday June 9:

Manly Warringah v Rockdale Ilinden
Sutherland Shire v Cant.-M'ville Oly

Cromer Park
Seymour Shaw

Sunday June 10:

Avala v Inter Monaro
Bankstown National v Auburn Uruguay
Ku-ring-gai v SSC Yugal
Polonia v Warringah N'been

DIVISION 2

Saturday June 9:

Artarmon v North Bankstown

Artarmon Reserve

Sunday June 10:

Dee Why Swans v Gladesville Hornsby
Fairy Meadow v Penrith United
Revesby Workers v Wollongong
Belmore v Parramatta City
University of NSW v Bathurst '75

Cromer Park
Police Boys Gro
Milperra Re
Blick Oval
Little Bay Oval



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SOCER — KING OF THE BODY-CONTACT GAMES

OF all the body-contact games, Soccer comes out with far the best record when it comes to the lesser number of injuries.

This point, I suppose, is self-evident. Countless thousands of Australian parents realised long ago that Soccer was the best game for their offspring.

The children made their own choice from there and Australian Soccer

has grown as a player-orientated sport.

When it came to informing insurance schemes, Soccer soon received the nod from the insurance companies, who are the experts in putting a dollar sign against the risks.

The proportionate premiums were Rugby \$3, Australian Rules \$2 and Soccer \$1.

This tells its own story and the beginning of the 1984 season emphasised the point.

The Rugby codes were

soon again seeing a number of serious back injuries, many of which would confine young players to beds or wheelchairs for life.

In New Zealand, home of Rugby Union, seven such back injuries were suffered on the opening day of the season.

What tragic and entirely unnecessary loss in human terms.

We have been told for years that players would do better by strengthening their necks and so on.

One Australian Rugby injury survey based its findings finely on a national schools team and then invited comparison with Soccer, on which they had no figures.

Meanwhile, warnings on serious Rugby injuries have come from all quarters.

One highly reputable accident group of four doctors at a major English hospital wrote: "Schoolmasters who are responsible for the welfare of these children must now be aware of the all-too-frequent tragic consequences of scrummage play at this level".

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Then we will go places on all fronts.

THE Mitre Shield, with almost 200 NSW primary schools competing, has just opened for business.

tion with the Australian Primary Schools Soccer Championship in late August.

Leading referee Richard Lorenc, who has been State coach, manager and a leading Primary Schools Soccer official for many years, is pleased to see the number of boys who came through the school ranks who are succeeding in high company at present.

One is Brian Ellem, the 1978 NSW vice-captain and 1979 captain. He is currently a member of the Blacktown City Youth League team.

The NSW Championships, in which the 11 NSW regions compete, will be played this year at the Valentine Soccer Grounds on Lake Macquarie from July 11/13.

The holders of the title are Metropolitan West. They are aiming for a hat trick — and if they succeed it will be the first time it has been done.

The U10 titles will this year be played at Maroubra.

The NSW representative team to contest the Dunlop Footwear Trophy for Australian states supremacy will be selected from the intra-state series at Valentine.

Competing will be Queensland, ACT, South Australia and NSW. The organisers are hoping that the Northern Territory will be represented as well.

NSW are the Trophy holders, having won in Queensland last year.

The Australian titles will be played at Adamstown Oval, Newcastle, on August 19/25.

Lorenc also said that teacher-release time has become more important in recent years, particularly in the metropolitan area.

"Time for arrivals is not being so readily made available now by headmasters," he said.

"The answer to this is to fully utilise sports after-

noons within local districts.

"In the Ryde Primary Schools Sports Association area, we have 14 schools in two tremendous competitions which cover open and 10 year grades.

"These competitions are widely held, but there is no reason why more should not come into being."

"There are so many boys who prefer Soccer to other winter sports."

Lorenc also said he was delighted with the Mitre Shield interest in country areas.

"Headmasters want to see their schools succeed and to know that their boys have enjoyable games," he added.

"This has lead to a tremendous amount of competition."

GLADESVILLE RAVENS Under 11 Division 1 side made club history by becoming the first team from the club to make the Champion of Champions final last year.

The team, which was formed in Under 9s, also have an excellent record in the Gladesville-Hornsby district competition.

They have been premiers on three occasions and champions once.

In those years, the team has scored 172 goals in 63 competitive matches, conceding 43, with 59 goals scored by a very skilful and quick striker named Aaron Brown.

Aaron, after three good years with the Ravens, has returned to APIA.



Matt Garside from North Epping Rangers

They join keeper Paul Donovan, defenders Shane Roberts, Cameron Hurd and Mike Marjanovic, midfielders Peter Robinson, Anthony Jones, Brad McIndoe and Robbie Prude and strikers Rocco Kodela and David Little.

As this will be the last year most of the boys will be playing for Ravens, with Youth League in 1985, coach Terry Gibbons hopes the boys can go one better and become U12 State champions.

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The Gladesville Ravens U12 team
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**BRIAN IS
KEEPING
EXPERT**

BRIAN WILLIAMSON is right at home when coaching young goalkeepers.

He had many years in the job in the English Football League and knows what it is all about.

His nickname was "The Big Fellow", and his 6' 1 1/2

frame covers a deal of the goal.

Brian started to kick the round ball at the age of eight at Blyth, where he was born.

He became a professional footballer at 17 back in 1958 with Gateshead FC.

His ability was soon recognised and he became the keeper for Leeds United, where he played from 1962/65, appearing against leading teams from East Germany, Italy and Spain.

The biggest moments of his career came when on loan to Leicester City in 1968.

In Australia he coached State League club Granville-Parramatta in 1973 and was director of junior coaching with Marconi two years later.

He was involved with Blacktown City in 1977.

In recent weeks Brian Williamson has been passing on his knowledge to young keepers in the NSW Country squads.

His other task this year is to coach goalkeepers for Ku-ring-gai State League club and their Youth League youngsters.

WAGGA TO THE FORE

BY FRANK FINLAY

THREE Wagga Wagga youngsters won selection for NSW Country this year.

They are Jason Price, 15, Carl McGann and Andrew Blake, both in U13.

Jason played the game from U7 to U14 with Henson Park Soccer Club and was selected for many association and school representative teams.

Throughout his career to date he has shown such skill that he has always been included in older age-group teams than his own.

This season he is playing for the new Lake Albert Soccer Club in their senior team.

Carl McGann and Andrew Blake are from the Tolland Soccer Club.



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METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROUND 4 — MAY 27

	U11	U12
Bankstown v Sthn Dists	2-0	0-0
Ku-ring-gai v Central Coast		2-3
Nepean v St George	2-1	2-1
Gladesville v Canterbury	1-1	0-2
Sutherland v Granville	1-1	1-1
Illawarra v Blacktown	5-2	0-1
Sthn & Eastern bye		

NSW ATTACK YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 16 — MAY 26

GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
St George v Melita	0-3	3-0	5-0	3-1
Illawarra v Baulkham Hills	0-1	1-0	1-2	3-0
APIA v Croatia	2-2	3-0	2-2	def
Auburn v Ku-ring-gai	1-2	3-0	Kgal def	
Sthn Dists v Bankstown	4-2	1-0	1-5	1-2
Blacktown City v Canterbury Assn	0-0	2-0	2-3	6-1
Macarthur v Yugal	1-0	4-1	3-0	1-1
Auburn v APIA				1-0

GROUP B

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Sydney Olympic v Blacktown	5-0	4-0	4-0	6-0
Sutherland v Granville	1-3	3-0	1-1	2-1
Nepean v Avala	2-0	4-0	3-2	0-2
Manly v Gladesville	2-1	2-2	2-1	0-2
Cant-M'ville v Central Coast	2-3	1-2	2-2	2-1
Nth Bankstown v Rockdale	1-1	1-1	1-0	1-1
Marconi v Sydney City	scores not provided			
Bankstown v Blacktown City (U15 19/5 correct score 2-2)				

Points Tables to 26.5.84
(except Marconi v Sydney City
not reported)

GROUP A - U13	U13
Melita	16 13 1 1 70 11 27
St George	15 13 0 2 58 15 26
Blk. Hs.	16 11 2 3 54 16 24
APIA	16 9 4 3 26 15 22
Illawarra	16 10 1 5 34 13 21
Croatia	14 8 2 4 28 24 18
Macarthur	15 8 0 7 25 16 18
Sth Dist.	16 7 1 8 30 27 18
Bktnw City	16 6 2 8 22 30 14
Yugal	16 6 0 10 43 37 12
K-gal	18 4 0 12 14 48 8
Auburn	15 2 1 12 14 48 5
Bkstwn	14 2 0 12 10 42 4
C'bury	14 0 2 12 5 88 2

U14	U14
Illawarra	16 16 0 0 80 3 32
St George	15 13 1 1 55 13 27
APIA	16 12 1 3 35 11 25
Blktn City	16 10 2 4 30 18 22
Sth Dist.	16 9 1 6 49 22 16
Bktn Hs.	16 8 1 7 35 24 17
K-gal	16 6 3 7 23 28 15
Croatia	15 5 6 25 21 14
Auburn	15 6 2 7 38 34 14
Bktnw	14 2 5 7 13 28 9
Marconi	15 4 1 10 26 43 9
Macarthur	15 3 1 11 15 27 7
C'bury	15 1 2 12 8 72 4
Yugal	16 1 0 15 9 87 2

U15	U15
APIA	16 13 2 1 68 17 28
St George	15 12 1 2 41 11 25
Blktn C.	16 10 2 4 31 16 22
Sth Dist.	15 9 2 4 29 19 20
C'bury	15 7 4 4 27 24 18
Croatia	16 6 5 25 23 17
Illawarra	16 7 2 7 31 24 16
K-gal	15 5 5 13 14 21
Blk Hs.	16 8 2 8 32 39 14
Macarthur	16 5 2 8 19 28 12
Bkstwn	14 5 2 7 4 25 12
Auburn	16 3 3 9 12 30 8
Marconi	16 2 3 11 12 46 7
Melita	16 2 3 11 12 46 1
Yugal	16 0 1 15 5 6 1

U16	U16
Bktn C	16 14 1 1 81 5 29
St George	15 13 2 0 85 5 24
APIA	16 11 2 3 80 9 24
Auburn	15 8 4 2 44 14 22
K-gal	15 9 1 5 26 21 16
Melita	16 7 4 5 36 18 18
Illawarra	16 7 3 6 36 24 17
Croatia	16 8 1 6 20 33 10
Blk Hs.	16 8 2 9 28 48 12
C'bury	15 5 1 9 27 33 11
Bkstwn	14 4 2 8 16 38 10
Macarthur	16 2 2 11 10 58 7
Sth Dist.	16 1 2 13 16 51 4
Yugal	16 1 1 14 5 77 3

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The entire NSW Country squad and coaches pictured at the Macquarie games at Valentine Soccer Ground. At left NSW Amateur president Ian Holmes and at right vice-president Bob Moundrell.

TRELOAR SHIELD TO MACQUARIE



Ian Holmes, NSW Amateur Soccer Federation president congratulated the "boys from the bush".

"The most significant thing is that the country boys matched a long-established district in skill," he stated.

"The next logical step is to establish a Country U16 squad.

"It is time for the country associations and coaches to realise that they should release their talented boys to try out for selection.

"If they do not, they are robbing the boys from progress in the future."

NSW junior vice-president Bob Moundrell had reason to be very pleased with the progress made in the first year.

No-one was disappointed with the U15 decider, which was played with flair, commitment

and speed.

Country led 1-0 and then took three shots that beat the defence

only to strike timber.

But Macquarie's pace took its toll and they finished 2-1 winners.



The Treloar Shield is handed over to Macquarie Association by Treloar representative and Marconi goalkeeper, Bruce James.

AUBURN'S SCG WIN

THE Auburn - APIA U16 NSW Youth League game turned out to be an excellent selection to keep the Sydney Cricket Ground crowd entertained prior to the match between Australia and Manchester United.

The winning goal came in the first half when central striker John Gulasi tapped home following a corner from Auburn's right side.

However, APIA put on a great display and were only denied a win or a draw by a brilliant goal-keeping effort from David Templeton.

Also starring for the resolute Auburn team were right-back Andrew Mead and centre-back Terry Mayo.

Auburn completed the double, as they had won 2-1 in the first round.

APIA made a nervous start but they were good value as soon as they settled down.

Joe Bartolino almost collected a goal from central midfield when his shot

clipped the crossbar.

Later Anthony Parson hit the top of the bar with a dangerous left foot shot.

APIA official Frank La Maccaglia had reason to be pleased with the work his players put in.

In an all-round display, Jason van Blerk and Parson in midfield showed to advantage whilst striker Vince Speranza made a lot of breaks.

In an U14 game, Sydney City defeated Marconi 5-2, with sweeper Kert Merckx and midfielder Terry Palapanis starring for the Slickers.

Thor Tomich scored a hat-trick, with Sydney City's other two goals coming from the penalty spot.

The team is coached by former Hakoah player Keith Jones.

C'WEATH BANK RESULTS

ROUND 2:
AIRDS 2 (Fisher, Plumb)
d CAMDEN (Reilly).

Both sides ran themselves to a standstill on the heavy surface as Airds just managed to hold out an enterprising Camden outfit.

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LUTHER IN THE SQUAD

LUTHER BLISSETT may have had a poor season in Italy with A.C. Milan but he is evidently still fancied by England manager Bobby Robson.

When Robson named his players for games against Scotland and the Soviet Union, a surprise choice was Blissett.

The big centre-forward visited his old club, Watford, last week and there is no doubt he would be hap-

py to return to Vicarage Rd to play.

His punch would certainly have helped Watford's vain bid for F.A. Cup glory.

Instead, Luther was in the broadcasting area at the Wembley match as a guest TV commentator.

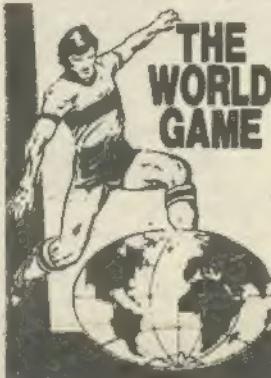
GERD HAS GONE

WHEN Greek club Janrina sacked their German coach, Gerd Prokop, they were merely following the normal pattern in this year's Greek first division.

Prokop was the 14th

coach to be fired in the 18-team division!

We hear former Australian coach Les Scheinflug was asked if he'd like a coaching job in Greece, but despite his treatment from the Australian Soccer Federation, Les probably felt there was more security in Australia.



A MASS EXODUS

ANDRAS TOROC-SIK, the outstanding Hungarian international, is among 24 stars who have applied to quit Hungary at the end of this season.

Torocsik has been making a good living under the communist sporting set-up but he would obviously make far more if he went west.

He played in Australia for Hungary at the start of the 1983 season.

SOCRATES TO PLAY IN ITALY

SOCRATES, like so many of his Brazilian international team-mates, has taken the lira-loaded road to Italy.

Captain of Brazil's 1982 World Cup team, Socrates has been signed by Fioren-

tina.

The transfer fee was \$3,200,000. Socrates will be paid \$850,000 a year.

There has been a lot of criticism of Brazilian players for deserting their home land, but with that sort of money at stake, how can the stars afford to reject Italian football?



Socrates (far right) challenged by New Zealand's Steve Sumner during the 1982 World Cup

BELGIANS BEATEN IN CUP FINAL

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR of England are the new UEFA Cup holders, after beating Belgium's Anderlecht in the tightest of two-legged finals.

After getting a 1-1 draw in Brussels, the London club looked well set to take the Cup in the return leg at White Hart Lane.

But they could never have imagined victory would be so difficult.

Anderlecht, in fact, scored the opening goal after exactly an hour — the goal being credited to Alex Czerniatinski.

As the minutes ticked by, Spurs got a desperation equaliser with only six minutes to play. Graham Roberts was the goalscorer.

The game went into extra time but no more goals were added.

This meant the issue had to be settled by the taking of penalty kicks, and Spurs won 4-3.

The last of the 10 penalties taken was missed by Arno Gudjohnsen, shooting straight at Tottenham goalkeeper Tony Parks.

Earlier, Danny Thomas missed a penalty for Spurs as did Jacques Munaron for Anderlecht.

Close thing though it was, this was a wonderful result for Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw.

It was Burkinshaw's final game as boss of the famous London side and he was desperately anxious to go out on a winning note.

SEPP'S VERY HAPPY

THERE was a strong rumour in some English newspapers that Sepp Plontek, Denmark's national team manager, would replace Keith Burkinshaw as boss of Tottenham Hotspur.

Forget it. Plontek said he was not interested in applying for the Spurs job because he is very happy staying put in the less demanding Scandinavian Soccer.

In fact, he has been offered a new contract by the Danish F.A. which will take him up to 1988.

And the beer in Denmark is better than in England... with Carlsberg playing a big part in football sponsorship.

RULES GUIDE FROM FIFA

IT'S interesting to see what FIFA thinks about the "amateur" definition.

tion as applied to Olympic Games participation.

FIFA's ruling is that the

IN the French Cup Final, Metz were 2-0 winners over Monaco.

AFTER two years coaching in Libya, the great Hungarian Florian Albert has decided he's had enough.

Albert has now returned to Hungary.

COLO COLO are the champions of Chile after one of the most exciting championships struggles in years.

On the last day of the season, Colo Colo were level on points with Cobreloa but actually slightly behind on goal difference.

In their final game, Colo Colo beat Audax Italiano 1-0 while Cobreloa could only draw 1-1 with Deportes Iquique.

LOUIS PILOT, national coach of tiny Luxembourg, has moved into the club coaching scene.

Pilot has taken over the troubled Standard Liege in neighbouring Belgium.

Standard is the club which figured in the bribery scandals which brought a hefty suspension to coach Raymond Goethals.



THE TOP GOALIES

IF you want to get a sound opinion of a goalkeeper's ability ... ask a striker.

That's exactly what the "Daily Star" did when it quizzed the top strikers in the first division.

There was no surprise in their first choice goalkeeper — it was Peter Shilton, collecting 10 of the 22 votes cast.

Next best goalkeeper was Neville Southall, who played in the Cup Final for Everton (4 votes) and Peter Shilton (QPR) with three.

Liverpool's much-criticised Bruce Grobbelaar nipped into fourth spot, sharing that honour with Chris Woods, while veteran Mark Wallington of Leicester City was the other goalkeeper in the list of six names.

Surprisingly, Ray Clemence, Gary Bailey and Nigel Spink couldn't make the cut-off.

GAGS GO ON

WHEN Alan Mullery was sacked as manager of Crystal Palace, some of his players were so unhappy, they publicly criticised the sacking.

So the club directors placed a gag on further comments.

Palace chairman Ron Noades warned them: "Cut out the talk or risk the consequences!"



ABOVE: PETER SHILTON, third best.
BELOW: MARK WALLINGTON, sixth.



VIV IS ON THE OUTER

NOTTINGHAM FOREST's outstanding full-back Viv Anderson (pictured left) has not been chosen by England manager Bobby Robson recently.

Anderson was not included in England's squad for matches against Scotland and Russia and was also left out of the team to tour South America.

This was a bonus for Australian Soccer, because it meant Forest's outstanding player was free to travel here with his team-mates.

Mick Brown, Manchester United's assistant manager, obviously did not agree with Robson's assessment of Anderson.

"Anderson should have been picked for England," said Brown.

FRANK GOES TO BRIGHTON

FRANK WORTHINGTON, one of several mercenaries who "signed" for the Manchester United tour, was transferred from Southampton to Brighton before he flew to Sydney for the SCG match.

Worthington is one of the great characters of English football.

He has frequently been associated with controversy but this has not prevented Worthington from being one of the top forwards of the past decade.

Manchester United boss Ron Atkinson said Worthington was delighted to be included in United's tour party as a guest.

"He has always had an ambition to wear our red shirt," said Atkinson.



FRANK WORTHINGTON

COLIN TAKES OVER

COLIN APPLETON is the new boss of the troubled Swansea City club — and he is already cracking the whip.

Appleton wants the Swansea players to take shorter holidays in the summer.

"I don't think footballers work hard enough at their job," he told the playing staff.

Most English players get a two-month summer break but Appleton insists that is too long.



BRADY GETS HUGE ARSENAL OFFER

ALTHOUGH many clubs in England are almost on the bread line, it is clear the big outfits are still able to lash out huge money when they want a star player.

This was demonstrated recently when Arsenal decided they wanted to get their former midfielder Liam Brady back from Sampdoria in Italy.

Arsenal said they would pay Brady more than any player in Britain. Like a signing-on fee of \$800,000 and a weekly wage of \$4,700.

In addition, the Gunners would have to pay Sampdoria a transfer fee of \$800,000, exactly what they received from Juventus when Brady left London.

The Irishman is not keen to leave Italy and his name has been linked with several clubs there.

QPR IN EUROPE

YUGOSLAVIAN star Vladimir Petrovic didn't exactly set Highbury on fire during his short spell at Arsenal.

That does not worry QPR boss Terry Venables, who is ready to give Petrovic a second chance to make the grade in England.

QPR's assistant-manager Alan Harris has been watching Petrovic playing for Royal Antwerp in Belgium and liked what he saw.

The London team wants to strengthen its pool of first team players and reinforcements can be picked up more cheaply on the continent than in England.



WOODCOCK SCORES

ARSENAL striker Tony Woodcock (pictured) scored the equaliser for England in their International against Scotland last Saturday.

Woodcock's goal cancelled out the Mark McGhee's goal for the Scots.



GERRY FRANCIS

GERRY IS GONE

FORMER England midfielder Gerry Francis didn't last long as team manager with Exeter City.

After the Devon club was relegated from third to fourth division, Exeter stated that Francis had been relieved of his duties.

The statement followed a meeting between Francis and club chairman, Cliff Hill.

When enthusiastic Francis took over before the start of last season, he put the whole playing staff on the transfer list.

It was a bold move but it didn't work.



GERRY FRANCIS



NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



1984 NSL CUP



ROUND 3



FRIDAY JUNE 1

6.45pm	Brunswick Utd	Juventus	v Sunshine	George Cross	Olympic Park
8.30pm	South Melbourne		v Footscray		Olympic Park

SATURDAY JUNE 2

6.45pm	Green Gully		v Preston		Olympic Park
8.30pm	Heidelberg Utd		v Melbourne	Croatia	Olympic Park



SUNDAY JUNE 3

1.15pm	Sydney City		v Adelaide City		Sydney Athletic Field
3pm	Sydney Olympic		v Penrith City		Sydney Athletic Field

1.15pm	Blacktown City		v West Adelaide		Gabbie Stadium
3pm	Parramatta Melita Eagles		v Canberra Arrows		Gabbie Stadium

3pm	Sydney Croatia		v Brisbane City		King Tomislav Park
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3pm	Wollongong City		v Leichhardt		Towradgi Park
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2.30pm	Newcastle Rosebud		v St George		Adamstown Oval
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3pm	Brisbane Lions		v Marconi		Richlands
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